

**NEW JERSEY PUBLIC
BROADCASTING AUTHORITY**

Financial Statements

June 30, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of
New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority ("Authority"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Auditors' Responsibility (Continued)

expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority, as of June 30, 2015 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages four through six be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The schedule of functional expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of functional expenses is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of functional expenses is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 9, 2016, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Certified Public Accountants

**MERCADIEN, P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

February 9, 2016

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

Overview of the Financial Statements

The management of the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (the "Authority") or ("NJPBA"), has prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2015, for the readers of these financial statements. This discussion and analysis is designed to assist the reader in focusing on the significant financial issues and activities and to identify any significant changes in financial position.

Since the Authority is comprised of a single enterprise fund, no fund-level financial statements are shown. The Authority's operating budget is allocated by the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury and is not legally adopted, thus there are no budgetary schedules included.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, an increase or decrease in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether or not the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

Net position increases when revenues exceed expenses. An increase in liabilities without corresponding increases to assets results in a decrease to net position and a deteriorating financial position.

The statement of revenues and expenses, and changes in net position presents information showing how a government entity's net position changed during the fiscal year. Changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (*e.g. earned but unused vacation leave or unearned revenue*). The financial statements also contain footnote disclosures including the Authority's "in-kind" revenues and expenses.

As required, and in order to qualify for its community service grants, the Authority files an annual financial report ("AFR") with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting ("CPB") and an annual public broadcasting system station activity benchmark survey (SABS).

Financial Analysis

As of July 1, 2011, the Authority entered into a "Programming and Services Agreement" with PMNJ, Inc. ("PMNJ") under which PMNJ assumed responsibility for all television programming, production, fundraising, promotion and general station operations. Many activities that were formerly the responsibility of the Authority have been taken over by PMNJ. The Authority continues to be the FCC licensee, and operates the broadcast transmitters and related infrastructure to support the statewide distribution of public media programming in New Jersey.

It should be noted that the Authority's mission is limited to the operation of the statewide broadcast infrastructure and oversight of a "Programming and Services Agreement with PMNJ. As such, there is no anticipation of adding or expanding services, developing new revenue streams or engaging in activities that would significantly change the net position calculation in future periods.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

Financial Analysis (Continued)

The following is the condensed statement of net assets as of June 30, 2015 and 2014:

Statement of Net Position

	2015	2014
Current and other assets	\$ 816,378	\$ 517,334
Capital assets	<u>2,397,362</u>	<u>2,410,147</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,213,740</u>	<u>\$ 2,927,481</u>
Current liabilities	<u>\$ 716,918</u>	<u>\$ 575,897</u>
Net position		
Investment in capital assets	2,397,362	2,410,147
Unrestricted	<u>99,460</u>	<u>(58,563)</u>
Total net position	<u>2,496,822</u>	<u>2,351,584</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 3,213,740</u>	<u>\$ 2,927,481</u>

The largest portions of the Authority's assets reflect its investment in capital assets (*i.e. transmission towers related equipment, studio broadcasting equipment as required by the FCC as a licensee to retain the capability to originate broadcasts if necessary, and other items essential to the interconnection and monitoring of the broadcast signal,*) less accumulated depreciation. The Authority uses these assets to provide public broadcasting services, disseminate emergency broadcast information statewide as needed, and to liquidate current liabilities and for any other essential spending necessary to maintain transmission of the broadcast signal on a full time basis.

The Authority's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2015, net of total accumulated depreciation equals \$2,397,362. This represents a decrease of \$12,785 from the prior fiscal year, attributable in part to construction in progress related to the transmission towers, less depreciation of capital assets.

Current assets of \$816,378, which represents tower lease receivables and amounts due from the State of New Jersey increased \$299,044 from the prior year due to an increase in tower receivables.

Of the Authority's \$716,918 in current liabilities, \$566,164 represents the Authority's accounts payable and accrued expenses, an increase of \$152,837 from 2014 mainly due to an increase in the payments due to PMNJ, Inc.

The following is the condensed statement of revenues and expenses and changes in net position for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

Statement of revenues and expenses and changes in net position

	2015	2014
Revenues	\$ 8,135,975	\$ 8,825,760
Expenses	<u>7,990,737</u>	<u>8,191,684</u>
Change in net position	145,238	634,076
Net position, beginning of year	<u>2,351,584</u>	<u>1,717,508</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 2,496,822</u>	<u>\$ 2,351,584</u>

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

Statement of support, revenues and expenses and changes in net position (Continued)

Net position may serve, over time, as a useful indicator of a agency's financial position. The Authority's assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,496,822 at the close of fiscal year 2015, an increase of \$145,238 from the prior fiscal year.

As a result of the Public Broadcasting Transfer Act of 2010, the Authority is "in, but not of" the Department of the Treasury. Through a Memorandum of Understanding between Treasury and the Authority, Treasury provides staff support (currently 5 full time positions) and other support of approximately \$2,000,000 for Authority operations. Other external revenue streams (*Corporation for Public Broadcasting Grants, license fees, tower rents, and cable waiver fees*) are received by the Authority and passed through to PMNJ under the terms of the Programming and Services Agreement.

Revenues decreased \$689,785 and expenses decreased \$200,947 mainly due to a decrease in funds received from the State of New Jersey through the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Trust Funds for two significant capital projects, a new strobe lighting system on the Authority's Montclair transmitter tower and tower painting at all four major Authority television transmission sites.

Significant Events

On November 9, 2015, the NJPBA Board authorized the Executive Director to review the upcoming Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") spectrum auction and apply to participate, if appropriate. The Executive Director and NJPBA staff completed that review and filed an application to participate on January 11, 2016.

The NJPBA remains committed to providing public television service in New Jersey. "The NJPBA has no intention of exiting public television because we provide a valuable service for New Jersey TV viewers," said John Blair, Executive Director of the NJPBA. "We have an obligation to provide robust New Jersey-centric programming to our residents, and we will continue to do so. However, the FCC has afforded broadcasters around the nation an opportunity to repurpose television spectrum in response to consumer demand to improve the wireless broadband experience."

It is unclear when the FCC Spectrum Auction will conclude, and whether any broadcast spectrum utilized by the NJPBA will be sold in the auction. If the NJPBA were a successful auction participant, the receipt of auction proceeds would not be anticipated until after July 1, 2017.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority's finances for those with an interest therein. Questions concerning any of the information presented in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority, 25 South Stockton Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Accounts receivable, net	\$ 138,414
Due from State of New Jersey	677,964
Capital assets, net	<u>2,397,362</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,213,740</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 566,164
Unearned revenue	<u>150,754</u>
Total liabilities	<u>716,918</u>
Net Position	
Investment in capital assets	2,397,362
Unrestricted	<u>99,460</u>
Total net position	<u>2,496,822</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 3,213,740</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2015

Revenues

New Jersey State support (direct)	\$ 2,103,887
New Jersey State support (in-kind)	794,469
New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Trust Fund support	373,746
Corporation for Public Broadcasting grants	1,723,316
Tower rentals	2,805,417
Food Network contract revenue	250,000
Royalties	25,564
Radio facility lease revenue	59,453
Other income	<u>123</u>
Total revenues	<u>8,135,975</u>

Expenses

Programming and production	4,750,242
Broadcasting	2,489,031
General and administrative	<u>751,464</u>
Total expenses	<u>7,990,737</u>

Change in net position	145,238
Net position, beginning of year	<u>2,351,584</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 2,496,822</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended June 30, 2015

Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 8,566,990
Payments to suppliers and employees	<u>(8,143,572)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>423,418</u>
Cash flow from capital and related financing activities	
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(423,418)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	-
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ -</u>
Reconciliation of change in net position to net cash from operating activities	
Change in net position	\$ 145,238
Adjustments	
Depreciation	436,203
Change in assets and liabilities	
Accounts receivable	(48,769)
Due from State of New Jersey	(250,275)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	152,837
Unearned revenue	<u>(11,816)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>\$ 423,418</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (the "Authority") located in Trenton, New Jersey is an independent Authority in, but not of, the Department of Treasury of the State of New Jersey. The Authority was established in 1968 under the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Act of 1968.

The Authority is the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") licensee for seven television broadcasting stations throughout New Jersey.

Effective July 1, 2011, the Authority entered into a programming and services agreement with Public Media NJ, Inc. ("PMNJ"), a New Jersey non-profit corporation, to provide public television programming and services on the stations under the name of NJTV and online at NJTVonline.org. The Authority is responsible to ensure that PMNJ provides high quality non-commercial programming that serves the needs and interests of the citizens of New Jersey and furthers the Authority's educational objectives.

The programming includes a weekday nightly news and public affairs program, live broadcast of New Jersey State annual budget messages and live coverage of New Jersey elections as well as other cultural, educational and inspirational programming.

The New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Trust Fund was created by the State of New Jersey ("State") as a restricted, nonlapsing revolving fund managed by the State for the benefit of the Authority as the entity selected to operate the Public Broadcasting System serving New Jersey. The Trust Fund is a separate legal entity which are fiduciary assets of the State.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Authority are classified as business-type activities and have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounts Receivable

The change in net assets is charged with an allowance for estimated uncollectible amounts based on past experience and an analysis of current accounts receivable collectibility. Accounts deemed uncollectible are charged to the allowance in the years they are deemed uncollectible.

Due from the State of New Jersey

Amounts due from the State include funds held at the State for expenses to be paid out in the subsequent period.

Capital Assets

Transmission antenna and towers are recorded at cost, except for donated items, which are recorded at their fair values on the dates of donation, (see Note C). The Authority capitalizes capital assets with a cost of \$20,000 or more and a useful life of greater than three years. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives of the transmission antenna and towers are 7 to 20 years.

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A. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Repairs and maintenance which do not extend the useful lives of the related assets are expensed as incurred.

Revenue Recognition

Corporate Public Broadcasting grants and the State of New Jersey Appropriations are recognized as revenue when spent.

The Authority receives tower rental income, which is recognized based on the terms of lease occupancy agreements.

The Food Network contract revenue is recognized once the programming service is distributed on the cable network system.

The New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Trust Fund support is recognized when the trust funds are spent.

In-kind Contributions

The Authority records the value of in-kind services received from the State of New Jersey for FICA, fringe benefits and fixed occupancy/operating costs of the broadcasting building as revenue and expense when the in-kind contribution is both budget-relieving and relates to events and operations under the Authority's control.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The Authority, as a New Jersey State agency, is exempt from all federal and State income taxes.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing programming and production, broadcasting and support services for the Authority have been summarized on a functional basis on the schedule of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain operating costs have been allocated among functional categories.

B. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable for the year ended June 30, 2015, are as follows:

Tower rentals	\$ 167,184
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>28,770</u>
Total	<u>\$ 138,414</u>

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C. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2015, is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Transmission antenna and towers	\$ 7,264,467	\$ 423,418	\$ 1,019,507	\$ 8,707,392
Construction in progress-tower painting	<u>1,019,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,019,507)</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals at historical cost	<u>8,283,974</u>	<u>423,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,707,392</u>
Less accumulated Depreciation for:				
Transmission antenna and towers	<u>5,873,827</u>	<u>436,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,310,030</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>5,873,827</u>	<u>436,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,310,030</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 2,410,147</u>	<u>\$ (12,785)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,397,362</u>

Depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2015, amounted to \$436,203.

The Authority occupies a building and uses equipment in Trenton, New Jersey to which the State of New Jersey holds title. Occupancy and equipment use values to determine in-kind support amounts have been calculated using the annual depreciation expense for the equipment calculated on acquisition cost over the estimated useful lives of 39 and 10 years, respectively. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the value has been estimated at \$609,974 (see Note I).

D. CONCENTRATIONS, RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Authority is a State agency and, for the year ended June 30, 2015, received a significant portion of its revenue and support, aggregating \$2,898,356 from the State of New Jersey, including donated services for administrative support and occupancy costs (see Note I). The ongoing support from the State of New Jersey is subject to State of New Jersey appropriations.

Revenues received from the New Jersey State entities and expenditures made by the Authority may be subject to financial compliance requirements and audit by various federal and State of New Jersey offices. In addition, State of New Jersey appropriations can change based on governmental determinations not within management's control.

The Authority received 65% or \$1,817,366 of its tower rental revenue from Clearwire Spectrum Holdings LLC ("Clearwire") during the year ended June 30, 2015.

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E. OPERATING LEASES

The Authority is the lessor of excess digital channel capacity under two operating leases with Clearwire expiring in 2040.

The Authority is also the lessor of tower rental space of antennas from various broadcasters, communication service companies, and federal agencies under operating leases expiring in various years through 2020. Rent is determined annually based on the number of antennas and related equipment installed on the State owned towers. The tower property used to generate tower rental income is included in capital assets; rental income is recorded in the statement of support, revenues and expenses, and changes in net assets as tower rentals.

F. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

On July 1, 2011, the Authority entered into a programming and services agreement with PMNJ for the broadcast and delivery of New Jersey centric programming for a term of five years with an automatic renewal for two additional five year terms. The Authority has also entered into an equipment use agreement with PMNJ for the use of certain Authority equipment by PMNJ in the performance of the programming and services agreement. The equipment use agreement will expire upon termination of the programming and services agreement.

G. PENSION PLAN

Under a memorandum of understanding between the Authority and the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, ("Treasury"), Treasury supplies State employees to serve Authority needs. As such, they participate in the State retirement plan. The Authority has no liability for unfunded plan benefits, the pension liability is recorded on the books of the State of New Jersey.

As a condition of employment, all full-time employees are required to be members of Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"). A member may retire on a service retirement allowance as early as age 60; no minimum service is required. The formula for benefits is an annual allowance in the amount equal to years of service, divided by 55, times the final average salary. For employees hired after July 1, 2008, the formula changes and their years of service is divided by 62, times the final average salary. Final average salary means the average of the salaries received by the member for the last three years of creditable membership service preceding retirement or the highest three fiscal years of membership service, whichever provides the largest benefit. Pension benefits fully vest on reaching 10 years of service. Vested employees who have established 25 years or more of creditable service may retire without penalty at or after age 55 and receive full retirement benefits. PERS also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by New Jersey State statute.

Covered employees are required by PERS to contribute 6.7% of their salaries. The State of New Jersey is required under statute to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to pay benefits when due. The amount of the contribution is certified each year by PERS on the recommendation of the actuary, who makes an annual actuarial valuation. The valuation is based on a determination of the financial condition of the retirement system. It includes the computation of the present dollar value of benefits payable to former and present members and the present dollar value of future employer and employee contributions, giving effect to mortality among active and retired members and also to the rates of disability, retirement, withdrawal, former service, salary and interest.

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H. POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION

Employees designated to serve the needs of the Authority are members of the State of New Jersey's cost sharing multiple-employer plan for health and post-retirement medical benefits. Thus, the Authority's portion of this liability and cost is included in the State of New Jersey's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR"), on an annual basis.

As such, the liability to the employees' is covered under the New Jersey State plan.

Please refer to the New Jersey State website www.state.nj.us for more information regarding the plan.

I. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES AND FACILITIES

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Authority received donated services from the State of New Jersey of \$184,495 for administrative support and \$609,974 for occupancy and equipment costs (see Note C).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NEW JERSEY PUBLIC BROADCASTING AUTHORITY**SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Program Services</u>		
	<u>Programming and Production</u>	<u>Broadcasting</u>	<u>General and Administrative</u>
			<u>Total</u>
Salaries and wages	\$ -	\$ 212,578	\$ 228,287
Benefits and payroll taxes (in-kind)	-	83,023	101,472
Vehicles/utilities	-	420,706	-
Travel and conference	-	210	-
Telephone/postage/office	-	2,127	143,048
Occupancy (in-kind)	-	439,426	170,548
Information systems/OTIS	-	46,995	3,959
Professional services	-	361,364	104,150
Programming and operating services	4,750,242	-	-
Maintenance, grounds and equipment	-	482,816	-
Bad debt	-	3,583	-
Depreciation	-	436,203	-
Totals	<u>\$ 4,750,242</u>	<u>\$ 2,489,031</u>	<u>\$ 751,464</u>
			<u>\$ 7,990,737</u>

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of the
New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 9, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Authority's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING
STANDARDS (Continued)**

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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February 9, 2016